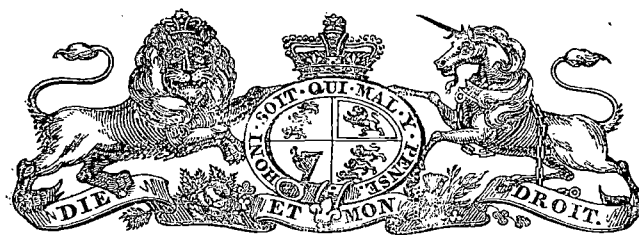


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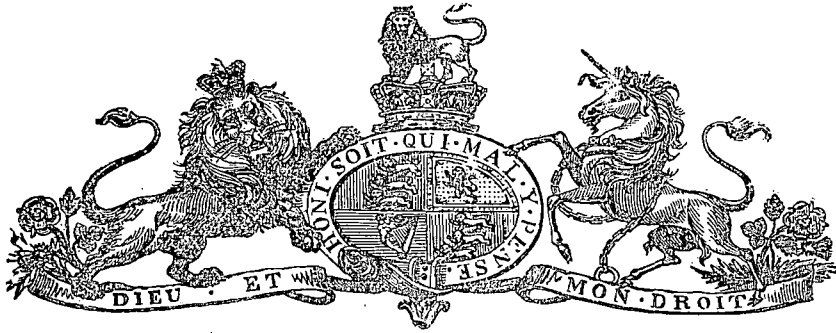
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FIRE BRIGADE BOARD, HOBART :

REPORT FOR 1887.

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Presented to both Houses of Parliament by His Excellency's Command.



*REPORT of the Fire Brigade Board for the City of Hobart for the Year ending the 31st December, 1887, made pursuant to Clause 13 of "The Fire Brigades Act, 1883."*

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DURING the past year the Brigade have attended at 27 fires, as shown in the Schedule annexed hereto. On all these occasions the men composing the Brigade have always performed their duties to the satisfaction of the Board.

The expenses for the year amount to £1206 17s. 6d., less expenses recovered and amounts unclaimed for assistance rendered, equal to £10 19s. 8d., leaving the net expenditure at £1195 17s. 10d., which has been equally divided between the Government, the Corporation, and the Insurance Companies. This amount is considerably in excess of the sum expended during the year 1886, and is accounted for by the fact that it was found necessary to erect a dwelling for the Fire Bell Station-keeper in Bathurst-street, the old building being utterly unfit for habitation. A substantial brick house has been built, at a cost of £559 13s. 6d., which has been tenanted by the Station-keeper for the last five months. A small quantity of new hose has also been procured from London, at a cost of £54 9s. 7d.

An Account setting forth the Receipts and Expenditure is attached to this Report.

The services of the Superintendent were sought by the Government to report on the best mode of making provision for the prevention of fires at the Hospital for Insane, New Norfolk. The Board are informed that his services have been much appreciated, and that many valuable suggestions have been made in his Report.

The Superintendent reports that the plant and appliances of the Brigade are in good order.

The Board has held 22 meetings during the year.

C. M. MAXWELL, *Chairman*.  
B. TRAVERS SOLLY.  
ALFRED CRISP.  
WM. SMITH.  
JOHN ROBERTS.

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*DETAILED Statement of Fires attended by the Fire Brigade for the City of Hobart for the Year ending 31st December, 1887.*

Date.	Time.	Locality.	Trade used as	Occupied by	Construction.	Extent of Damage.	How Insured.		Result of Inquest, if any held.	Origin, and General Remarks.
							Buildings.	Contents.		
<b>1887.</b>										
Jan. 1	1 A.M.	New Wharf	Timber-yard	Belbin & Co.	Timber-yard	Slight	Derwent & Tamar Co.	Derwent & Tamar Co.	...	Supposed from fireworks.
Feb. 2	2 P.M.	Liverpool-street	Hotel-keeper	Cherry	Brick	Slight	...	...	...	Shingles caught fire from foul chimney.
7	7.10 A.M.	Macquarie-street	Grocer	Wise	Brick and wood	Considerable	...	London & Lancashire	...	No evidence to show how the fire originated.
12	9.10 P.M.	Barrack-street	Dwelling	Davidson	Wood	Considerable	Derwent and Tamar	Derwent and Tamar	...	Ditto.
28	8.45 P.M.	Adelaide-street	Dwelling	Stephens	Wood	Total	...	...	...	Unknown.
Mar. 3	...	Liverpool-street	Store	Main Line Rail-way Company	Wood	Slight	Liverpool and London and Globe	Liverpool and London and Globe	...	Ditto.
21	6.15 A.M.	Liverpool-street	Bootmaker	Sly	Brick	Slight	Tasmanian	...	...	Ditto.
28	1.20 P.M.	Sandy Bay	Dwelling	Packer	Brick	Total	...	...	...	Chimney on fire.
April 8	8.30 A.M.	George-street	Bark-mill	Bond	Wood	Slight	Commercial Union	...	...	Unknown.
12	6.15 P.M.	New-street	...	Smales	...	...	...	...	...	Alarm—burning rubbish in a field.
18	12.30 P.M.	Murray-street	Baker	Miller	Wood	Slight	...	...	...	Unknown.
May 14	8 P.M.	Bathurst-street	Confectioner	Koerbin	Brick	Slight	Liverpool and London and Globe	Royal	...	Boy set fire to hay, accidentally.
16	6.30 P.M.	George-street	Miller	Webb, Peet, & Co.	Stone	Slight	Derwent and Tamar	Cornwall, Mutual Union	...	Supposed by incendiary.
21	3.45 P.M.	Old Wharf	Produce Mer- chants	Webster & Son	Brick	Considerable	Commercial Union	Liverpool and London and Globe, Cornwall	...	No evidence to show how fire originated.
June 5	2 P.M.	New Town Road	Grocer	Price	Brick	Slight	Tasmanian	Mutual of Tasmania	...	Unknown.
13	9 P.M.	Morrison-street	Produce Mer- chant	Williams	Brick and iron	Trifling	...	New Zealand	...	Stove left burning, ignited bags.
19	6.45 P.M.	Bathurst-street	Publican	Knowles	Brick	None	...	...	...	False alarm.
July 27	2.10 A.M.	De Witt-street	Dwelling	Wise	Wood	Considerable	Tasmanian	Commercial Union	Open verdict	No evidence to show how originated.
31	8.45 P.M.	Liverpool-street	Publican	West	Brick	Slight	...	Mutual of Tasmania	...	Unknown.
Aug. 5	7.30 P.M.	Bathurst-street	Confectioner	Koerbin	Brick	Slight	Liverpool and London and Globe	Royal	...	Ditto.
6	8.45 P.M.	Constitution Dock	...	Driscoll	Barge, of wood	Slight	...	...	...	Not known—took place in the cabin of the barge.
11	...	Glebe Town	Dwelling	Meech	Wood	None	...	...	...	Alarm.
Oct. 17	5 A.M.	Liverpool-street	Draper	Jarvis	Brick	Considerable	Derwent and Tamar	Mutual Union, United	Open verdict	No evidence to show.
28	1.30 P.M.	Macquarie-street	Solicitors' Offices	Dobson, Mitchell, & Allport	Brick	None	...	...	...	Defective chimney.
Nov. 17	8.30 P.M.	Macquarie-street	Timber-yard	Crisp	Wood	Trifling	Cornwall	Cornwall	...	Sparks from engine.
Dec. 11	8 A.M.	New Town Road	Publican	Nicholls	Brick	Slight	Derwent and Tamar	...	...	Sparks from chimney.
27	9 A.M.	Murray-street	Auctioneers	Roberts & Co.	Stone and wood	None	Liverpool and London and Globe	...	...	Alarm—chimney on fire.

E. MAHER, *Superintendent.*